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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Following from the continuation application filed September 2, 1997 Applicants
provide the following amendments.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please amend claims 56, 61, and 66 as follows:

25. (Amended) A composite masonry block suitable for use in forming straight and
serpentine retaining walls having a set back from course to course, said block comprising:

- a) a block body and an integral locator lip formed in a mold with generally vertical
sidewalls, an open top and an open bottom seated upon a generally horizontal flat
pallet, by a process comprising the steps of:
 - i) filling the mold via its open top with a masonry block mix comprising
sand, aggregate, and cement;
 - ii) vibrating the masonry block mix within the filled mold;
 - iii) compacting the masonry block mix within the mold by the action of a
compression head pushed down on the masonry block mix through the
open top of the mold, whereby the masonry block mix forms an

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